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SUBJECT: TASS EDITOR TO VISIT US

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1. PRESS ATTACHE AND INFORMATION ASSISTANT CALLED ON YURI KORNILOV, MEMBER OF TASS EDITORIAL BOARD IN CHARGE OF TASS FOREIGN FILES, PRIOR TO HIS TRIP TO COVER UNGA. IN SPITE OF MANY YEARS EXPERIENCE IN WESTERN EUROPE AND CHINA, THIS WILL BE KORNILOV'S FIRST TRIP TO US.

2. KORNILOV PLANS TO BE IN US APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 10-OCTOBER 5. HE EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE TO VISIT NYC AND WASHINGTON AFTER HIS UN DUTIES ARE COMPLETED ABOUT SEPTEMBER 25. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE FLAM AT VOA IN WASHINGTON, AND, SINCE HE WAS TASS CORRESPONDENT IN BELGRADE 1968-70, WAS INTERESTED IN CONTACTING RON SHER AT FOREIGN PRESS CENTER IN NEW YORK.

3. KORNILOV'S INTERESTS IN NYC AND DC NOT UNUSUAL. ONLY SPECIFIC REQUEST WAS FOR INTERVIEW WITH MAYOR BEAME. HE
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INTERESTED IN COMPARING PROBLEMS OF MOSCOW AND NEW YORK IN

SOME DEPTH, AND WANTS TO TALK WITH ORDINARY CITIZENS, MUSEUM DIRECTORS (POSSIBLY HOVING AFTER RECENT MOSCOW VISIT), BUSINESSMEN, AS WELL AS CITY OFFICIALS.

4. IN DC, KORNILOV MENTIONED CONGRESS (HE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND RELATION OF EXECUTIVE TO LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES ON THIS SUBJECT), WHITE HOUSE, DEPARTMENT, VOA, IPS (WF AND AMERIKA RECOMMENDED).

5. KORNILOV ELABORATED ON HIS CONCERN WITH ME PROBLEMS, SAYING HE FELT MISTAKE TO HAVE AMERICANS ON THE SCENE, AND HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY UN PERSONNEL WERE NOT USED. KORNILOV SAID HE CERTAIN ISSUE WOULD BE RAISED AT UNGA SINCE "EVERYONE" AWARE THAT US WAS CLEARLY ALLY OF ISRAEL, WHY HAVE PARTISAN PERSONNEL AS PART OF SETTLEMENT. EMBOFF EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT US PUBLIC OPINION BECOMING MORE "UNDERSTANDING" OF ARAB POSITION AND THAT PERHAPS AMERICAN TECHNICIANS MONITORING THE ACCORD WOULD EMPHASIZE US IMPARTIAL ROLE IN ACHIEVING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN AREA. KORNILOV AGREED THAT US POSITION OF ME BECOMING MORE BALANCED, BUT STILL PREDICTED STRONG CONGRESSIONAL RESISTANCE TO AMERICAN TECHINCIAANS. HE REITERATED HIS DESIRE TO DISCUSS ISSUE DURING US VISIT.
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